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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

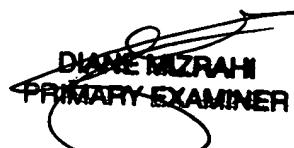
Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 19 March 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.



Diane Mizrahi
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-26 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1-26 are rejected.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefore, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 14, 23 and 19-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claims are directed to a non-statutory subject matter, specifically, the claims are not directed towards the final result that is “useful, tangible and concrete.”

See State Street, 149 F.3d at 1373-74 USPQ2d at 1601-02 and Alappat, 33 F.3d at 1544, 31 USPQ2d at 1557). The decisions state to be eligible for patent protection, the claimed invention as a whole must accomplish a practical application. A claim limited to a machine or manufacture, which has a practical application, is statutory. Alappat, 33 F.3d at 1544, 31 USPQ2d at 1557). That is, it must produce a “useful, concrete and tangible result”. The purpose of this requirement is to limit patent protection to inventions that possess a certain level of “real world” value as opposed to subject matter that represents nothing more than an idea or concept, or is simply a starting point for future investigation or research (Brenner v. Manson, 383 U.S. 519, 528-36, 148 USPQ 689, 693-96 (1966); In re Fisher, 421 F.3d 1365, 76 USPQ 2d 1255 (Fed. Cir. 2005); In re Ziegler, 992 F.2d 1197, 1200-03, 26 USPQ 2d 1600, 1603-06(Fed. Cir.1993).

Regarding Claims 14 and 23, Applicant recites conditional limitations for producing results, such as the claimed, "if the data matches..." such that the condition is not met, the claims will generate no useful, concrete, and tangible results. The result of the claimed, "modifying" is conditional and will take place only if the data matches...". There appears to be no generating or production of any useful, concrete, and tangible results.

Regarding Claim 19, there appears to be no tangible result in the claimed, "collecting... accessing... applying... storing....". Examiner recommends that to satisfy the 101 rejection, that the claims must produce a real-world result. Benson, 409 U.S. at 71-72, 175 USPQ at 676-77.

Claims 20-26 are dependent claims and rejected under the same reasons as claim 19.

Examiner recommends that to satisfy the 101 rejection, and to be "useful", the claim must satisfy the utility requirement thus the invention has to be specific, substantial and credible. (MPEP 2107 and In re Fisher, 421 F.3d 1365, 76 USPQ 2d 1255 (Fed. Cir. 2005); the claims must produce a real-world result. Benson, 409 U.S. at 71-72, 175 USPQ at 676-77; and that the result that can be substantially repeatable or must substantially produce the same result again. In re Swartz, 232 F.3d 862, 864, 56 USPQ2d 1703, 1704 (Fed. Cir. 2000).

Examiner recommends Applicant to amend the claims without adding any new matter to the originally filed specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kouchi et al. (U.S. Patent# 6,023,694 and Kouchi hereinafter) in view of Kennelly et al. (U.S. Patent# 6,101,539 and Kennelly hereinafter).

Regarding Claims 1-2, 5,7 and 19 Kouchi teaches a method for compiling parser scripts each corresponding to the structure of security data received from a network component comprising the steps of: a) identifying sets of data categories (Abstract), each set corresponding to security data (col 22, lines 23-52) received from one of a plurality of network components (Figure 13, databases 1302a-c); b) constructing database record definitions, each defining a record subdivided in accordance with one of the sets of data categories (col 16, lines 64-67 to col 17, lines 1-5).

Kouchi does not expressly teach writing parser scripts that receive security data from the network components and output records, each record corresponding to one of the record definitions and storing said parser scripts.

Kennelly teaches writing parser scripts that receive security data from the network components and output records, each record corresponding to one of the record definitions and storing said parser scripts (col 6, lines 40-56)..

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant's invention to modify the teachings of Kouchi with the teachings of Kennelly to include the claimed, "writing parser scripts that receive security data from the network

components and output records, each record corresponding to one of the record definitions and storing said parser scripts " with the motivation to allow the users with different privileges access to different functions of the computer system (Kennelly, col 1, lines 20-34).

Regarding Claims 3-4, the limitations of these claims are similar in scope to the rejected claims.

Kouchi does not expressly teach inserting parser scripts into tables.

Kennelly teaches inserting parser scripts into tables (i.e. parses data files based on attributes to construct management objects)(col, lines 46-48).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant's invention to modify the teachings of Kouchi with the teachings of Kennelly to include the claimed, "inserting parser scripts into tables " with the motivation to allow the users with different privileges access to different functions of the computer system (Kennelly, col 1, lines 20-34).

Regarding Claim 6, Kouchi does not expressly teach Management Information Base (MIB).

Kennelly teaches Management Information Base (MIB)(see publication listings).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant's invention to modify the teachings of Kouchi with the teachings of Kennelly to include the claimed, "Management Information Base (MIB)" with the motivation to allow the users with different privileges access to different functions of the computer system (Kennelly, col 1, lines 20-34).

Regarding Claim 8, the limitations of these claims are similar in scope to the rejected

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claims above.

Kouchi does not expressly teach firewall.

Kennelly teaches firewall (i.e. reads on using the Internet)(col 2, lines 52-62).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant's invention to modify the teachings of Kouchi with the teachings of Kennelly to include the claimed, "firewall" with the motivation to allow the users with different privileges access to different functions of the computer system (Kennelly, col 1, lines 20-34).

Regarding Claims 9-10, the limitations of these claims are similar in scope to the rejected claims above.

Kouchi does not expressly teach third network component.

Kennelly teaches third network component (i.e. Lan) (col 3, lines 18-41).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant's invention to modify the teachings of Kouchi with the teachings of Kennelly to include the claimed, "third network component" with the motivation to allow the users with different privileges access to different functions of the computer system (Kennelly, col 1, lines 20-34).

Regding Claims 11-12, the limitations of these claims are similar in scope to the rejected claims above. In addition, Kouchi teaches data queries (col 1, lines 56-66).

Regarding Claims 13-18 and 20-26, the limitations of these claims are similar in scope to the rejected claims above. They are therefore rejected as set forth above.

Double Patenting

The non-statutory double patenting rejection, whether of the obviousness-type or non-obviousness-type, is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent. *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); and *In re Goodman*, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(b) and (c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a non-statutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.78(d).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 1-26 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 and 27-28, respectively of copending Application No. 200560171969 . Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because they are substantially similar in scope and they use the same wording.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Other Prior Art Made of Record

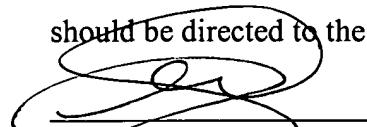
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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Diane D. Mizrahi whose telephone number is 571-272-4079. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Gaffin can be reached on (571) 272-4146. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for regular communications and (703) 305-3900 for After Final communications.

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